

hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

103. It shall be the duty of every officer, board, institution and commission of the State, including special or temporary officers, boards and commissions, to file with the Department of Legislative Reference two copies of every regular or special report issued by him or it, whether such report be in printed or other form, and also to file with the State Library and with the Hall of Records at least one copy of such report or other publication.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall take effect June 1, 1947.

Approved April 25, 1947."

#### EXTENT AND CHARACTER OF SERVICES RENDERED

The Hall of Records has now been in operation for eleven full years. During that time there has grown up, of necessity, a body of habits and procedures relating to the kind and amount of service which we offer to the users of our records. No effort has been made to analyze these customs and procedures, to weigh their value, to test their justice and logic. Moreover, no other similar institution has subjected itself to self-examination of this kind and to bind itself to any hard and fast rules.

Only recently the distinguished Archivist of Delaware, Mr. Leon deValinger, Jr., made an attempt to approach the problem by questioning the directors of similar agencies in other states, but he found that they were unprepared, as yet, to give unqualified answers. The writer attempted to approach the same problem from a different angle, to determine from various users of records, both individual and institutional, what they expect in record service today and what they would consider to be a reasonable maximum of service to be achieved at some time in the future when funds and personnel are available. Results of this